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Response Under 37 C.F.R. §1.116  
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Docket No. 110.01420101

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

Applicant(s): LEGER et al. ) Group Art Unit: 2877  
Serial No.: 09/691,006 )  
Confirmation No.: 4510 ) Examiner: Pham, Hoa Q.  
Filed: 18 October 2000 )  
For: IMAGING ELLIPSOMETRY

**AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE**  
**UNDER 37 CFR §1.116**

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Dear Sir:

In response to the Final Office Action mailed March 17, 2003, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

**In the Claims**

Please amend claims 1, 13, 27, and 35. The amended claims are provided below in clean form. Per 37 C.F.R. §1.121, amended claims are also shown in Appendix A with notations to indicate changes made (for convenience, all pending claims are provided in Appendix A).

1. **(Twice Amended)** An ellipsometer apparatus for use in providing an image of at least a portion of a sample, the ellipsometer apparatus comprising:  
an objective lens having a focal plane at which a sample plane of the sample is positioned;